Repair of distressed railway bridges

435. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Railways spent Rs. 650 crore during the Ninth Five Year Plan for rebuilding distressed bridges;

(b) if so, the number of bridges rebuilt/repaired so far, in this period; and

(c) the details of expenses incurred on each of these bridges?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) No, Sir. The Railways spent Rs. 410.65 crores during 9th Five Year Plan for re-building/rehabilitation of bridges including distressed bridges.

(b) A total number of 3400 bridges including 617 distressed bridges have been re-built/repaired during the period.

(c) Estimates of the bridges are sanctioned section-wise in groups and expenditure incurred accordingly. Therefore, it is not possible to segregate the expenditure incurred on construction/repair/rehabilitation of each bridge.

Untraced passengers in the Rajdhani Express accident

436. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the respective number of passengers killed, hurt and those who survived in the Howrah-New Delhi 2301 Up Rajdhani Express accident at Rafiganj due to breaking down of the bridge on Dhaba river;

(b) the total number of passengers who boarded the train at Howrah station, before its departure;

(c) whether there is any difference in the number of total passengers and those of the killed, hurt and survived;

(d) if so, the reasons therefore;